

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

{ 1-58 (Cancelled)}

59. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for converting a trailer hitch apparatus to a temporary storage device mounted to a wall, comprising:

a wall of an immovable structure; and
a receptacle having a first end and a second end, said receptacle capable of coupling to the trailer hitch apparatus;
a mount disposed on said first end of said receptacle; and
said mount coupled to the wall and said second end of said receptacle extending into the wall.

60. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising a means for limiting reciprocation between said receptacle and the trailer hitch apparatus.

61. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said means for limiting reciprocation comprises a block capable of engaging the trailer hitch apparatus.

62. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said means for limiting reciprocation comprises a friction member.

63. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for converting a trailer hitch apparatus to a temporary storage device mounted on a wall, comprising:

a receptacle receiving portion having a first end and a second end, said receptacle receiving portion capable of being removably coupled to the trailer hitch apparatus;
a mounting portion being disposed at said first end of said receptacle receiving portion; and
said receptacle receiving portion capable of extending into the wall such that said first end is substantially flat with the wall and said second end extends into the wall.

64. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein said receptacle receiving portion is a female connector.

65. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 63, further comprising a means for limiting reciprocation between said receptacle receiving portion and the trailer hitch apparatus.

66. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein said means for limiting reciprocation is a pin.

67. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein said means for limiting reciprocation is threads disposed on said receptacle receiving portion.

68. (Currently Amended) A device for converting a trailer hitch apparatus to a temporary storage device, comprising:

a wall of an immovable structure;

a mounting portion receptacle having first and second ends; and

a mounting portion having an opening and being disposed on said first end of said mounting portion receptacle, said mounting portion being coupled to said wall, wherein said mounting portion comprises a flange.

69. (Previously Added) The device of claim 68, wherein said mounting portion is a female connector.

70. (Previously Added) The device of claim 68, wherein said mounting portion is a male connector.

71. (Previously Added) The device of claim 70, wherein said opening in said mounting portion is rectangular.

72. (Previously Added) The device of claim 68, further comprising a means for limiting reciprocation between said mounting portion receptacle and the trailer hitch apparatus.

73. (Previously Added) An apparatus for converting a trailer hitch apparatus to a temporary storage device comprising:

a vehicle storage compartment having a bottom, a plurality of sides and a top, each of said side coupled to said bottom and to adjacent of said plurality of sides, and said top coupled to at least one of said plurality of sides;

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a receptacle having first and second ends;

a mount disposed on said first end of said receptacle; and

said receptacle being coupled to one of said plurality of sides such that said mount is disposed substantially flat on said one of said plurality of sides and said second end extends into said vehicle storage compartment.

74. (Previously Added) The storage compartment of claim 73, wherein said mount is integrally formed in said one of said plurality of sides.